

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

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1. A disk drive unit for reproducing information recorded on a digital versatile disk (DVD), the disk drive unit comprising:

10 a copyright management information reading unit for reading copyright management information from a predetermined location on a DVD loaded into the disk drive unit;

15 a first determining unit for determining whether or not protection exists for contents of the loaded DVD using the copyright management information read from the loaded DVD by the copyright management information reading unit; and

20 a playback speed control unit for adjusting a playback speed of the loaded DVD when it is determined that the contents of the loaded DVD are protected using the first determining unit.

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2. A disk drive unit for reproducing information recorded on a digital versatile disk (DVD), the disk drive unit comprising:

30 a directory information reading unit for reading directory information from a predetermined location on a DVD loaded into the disk drive unit;

a second determining unit for determining whether or not computer data is recorded on the loaded DVD

using the directory information read from the loaded DVD by the directory information reading unit; and

a playback speed control unit for adjusting a playback speed of the loaded DVD when it is determined that computer data is not recorded using the second determining unit.

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3. A disk drive unit for reproducing information recorded on a digital versatile disk (DVD), the disk drive unit comprising:

15 a copyright management information reading unit for reading copyright management information from a predetermined location on a DVD loaded into the disk drive unit;

20 a directory information reading unit for reading directory information from a predetermined location on the loaded DVD;

25 a first determining unit for determining whether or not protection exists for contents of the loaded DVD using the copyright management information read from the loaded DVD by the copyright management information reading unit;

30 a second determining unit for determining whether or not computer data is recorded on the loaded DVD using the directory information read from the loaded DVD by the directory information reading unit; and

a playback speed control unit for adjusting a playback speed of the loaded DVD when it is determined that the contents of the loaded DVD are not protected using the first determining unit or when it is determined

that computer data is not recorded on the loaded DVD using the second determining unit.

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4. A method for reproducing information recorded on a digital versatile disk (DVD), the method comprising the steps of:

10 reading copyright management information from a predetermined location on a DVD loaded into a disk drive unit;

determining whether or not protection exists for contents of the loaded DVD using the copyright management information read from the loaded DVD; and

15 15 adjusting a playback speed of the loaded DVD when it is determined that the contents of the loaded DVD are protected.

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5. A method for reproducing information recorded on a digital versatile disk (DVD), the method comprising the steps of:

reading directory information from a predetermined location on a DVD loaded into the disk drive unit;

determining whether or not computer data is recorded on the loaded DVD using the directory information read from the loaded; and

30 adjusting a playback speed of the loaded DVD when it is determined that computer data is not recorded.

5 6. A method for reproducing information
recorded on a digital versatile disk (DVD), the method
comprising the steps of:

10 reading copyright management information from a
predetermined location on a DVD loaded into the disk drive
unit;

 reading directory information from a
predetermined location on the loaded DVD;

15 determining whether or not protection exists for
contents of the loaded DVD using the copyright management
information read from the loaded DVD;

 determining whether or not computer data is
recorded on the loaded DVD using the directory information
read from the loaded; and

20 adjusting a playback speed of the loaded DVD
when it is determined that the contents of the loaded DVD
are not protected or when it is determined that computer
data is not recorded on the loaded DVD.